

**Remarks**

The foregoing amendments are intended to place the application in condition for allowance. Rejected claims 14-19 and 21-24 are hereby cancelled. Claim 4 is amended to correct a typographical error.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-9 and 11-13.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cancellation of rejected claims 14-19 and 21-24 renders moot the rejection of those claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of Gabas, and therefore request that the rejection be withdrawn.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully requested. Should any issues remain that would preclude the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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